



IPM  
3625

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 2842.04US01

Tadashi Goino

Confirmation No.: 3075

Application No.: 09/864,525

Examiner: James H. Zurita

Filed: May 23, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3625

For: AUCTION METHODS, AUCTION SYSTEMS AND SERVERS

---

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in addition to information disclosed in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statements filed May 23, 2001, May 22, 2002, March 4, 2003, May 15, 2006, and December 22, 2006, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The listing of a reference herein is not an admission that the reference is prior art or that the reference is material to patentability.

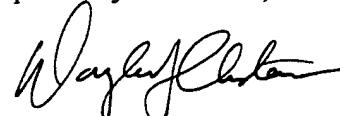
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Action or Notice of Allowance.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

The concise explanation of the relevance of the Japanese language references is provided in the English language abstracts attached and as follows:

Reference No.	Concise Explanation of Relevance
JP 09-304506	A radio transmitter of a victim transmits the absolute position of the victim to a rescue system processor. The processor automatically selects a rescue boat closest to the victim among the rescue boats registered beforehand and retransmits starting instructions.
JP 10-254913	Images are transmitted when reporting accident.
JP 11-212624	Availability of turnout responsive to a turnout request is input
JP 11-298853	Images are transmitted when reporting accident.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas J. Christensen  
Registration No. 35,480

Customer No. 24113

Patterson, Thuente, Skaar & Christensen, P.A.  
4800 IDS Center, 80 South 8th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-2100  
Telephone: (612) 349-3001

*Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.*

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on



Date of Deposit



Douglas J. Christensen

O P E INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known			
				Application Number	09/864,525		
				Filing Date	May 23, 2001		
				First Named Inventor	Tadashi Goino		
				Art Unit	3625		
				Examiner Name	James H. Zurita		
FEB 22 2007 U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	2842.04US01	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document		
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document		T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )					
		JP 09-304506		11/28/1997	Kogo	X (abstract)	
		JP 10-254913		09/25/1998	Suzuki	X (abstract)	
		JP 11-212624		08/06/1999	Tanioka	X (abstract)	
		JP 11-298853		10/29/1999	Sugimoto	X (abstract)	
EXAMINER SIGNATURE				DATE CONSIDERED			